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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the office action of April 29, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following claims.

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17. (NEW) The motion transmitting remote control assembly (10) of claim 1 wherein said spring (22) expands axially to bias the components (18, 20) together to shorten the overall length of said first and second conduit section (14, 16).

18. (NEW) A motion transmitting remote control assembly (10) for transmitting motion in a curved path, said assembly comprising:

a first (14) and second (16) conduit sections;

a flexible motion transmitting core element (12) movably supported in said conduit sections;

adjustment components (18, 20) interconnecting said first and second conduit sections (14, 16) and in telescoping relationship with each other for adjusting the overall length of said first and second conduit sections (14, 16) wherein one of said adjustment components includes adjustment teeth (21) and the other of said adjustment components supports a locking member (19) that selectively engages said teeth (21) to prevent relative telescoping movement between said adjustment components (18, 20); and

a coil spring (22) interacting between said adjustment components (18, 20) to bias